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NPIC CONCURS IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A NEW SECTION OF NORTH-SOUTH POL PIPELINE REPORTED IN REF A.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSIONS (REF B) HAVE REVEALED A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE NEW PIPE SEGMENT TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. FROM THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SEGMENT IDENTIFIED IN REF A, AT UTM WF683497, THE PIPELINE CONTINUES IN A GENERAL SOUTH-SOUTHWEST DIRECTION, PARALLELING THE EAST BANK OF A CANAL FOR A DISTANCE OF 3.6 NAUTICAL MILES (NM). THE PIPELINE CROSSES THE CANAL AT APPROXIMATELY WF647454 AND JOINS THE MAIN NORTH-SOUTH POL PIPELINE AT WF641448, THE JUNCTION WITH THE LANG LUYEN PPS FEEDER LINE. FROM THE NORTHERN MOST POINT IDENTIFIED IN REF A. (WF695568), THE PIPELINE EXTENDS

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IN A NORTH-NORTHEAST DIRECTION TOWARDS VINH. POOR PHOTOGRAPHIC QUALITY PRECLUDES IDENTIFYING THE CONNECTION OF THE NEW SEGMENT WITH THE MAIN PIPE SYSTEM AT VINH BUT IT APPARENTLY CONNECTS IN THE VICINITY OF WF733623 WITH THE MAIN LINE RUNNING WEST FROM THE VINH PPS AND SOUTH OF THE CITY.

THE ENTIRE NEW SEGMENT OF POL PIPELINE IDENTIFIED IN REFS A&B EXTENDS A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 10.2 NM AND PROVIDES FOR MORE DIRECT NORTH-SOUTH PETROLEUM FLOW, ELIMINATING THE NEED OF 20.8 NM OF EXISTING PIPELINE RUNNING WEST OF VINH AND SOUTH ON THE ORIGINAL NORTH-SOUTH PIPELINE.

MAP REFERENCE: L7014 SHEETS 6146III, 6145IV.

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